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TOPIC Strausberg Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 to 26 November 1950

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1. On 25 November 1950, one twin-engine, low-wing monoplane with single rudder assembly, probably a DC-3, and about 45 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with double rudder assemblies and in-line engines were parked at the Strausberg (N 53/V 15) airfield. * The weather was quite hazy and there was no flying between 2:30 and 4 p.m. A few soldiers were seen in the barracks. The barking of dogs was again heard from the barracks installation on the northeastern corner of the field.
2. Mushroom-like towers were on top of a barracks building, the middle section of which was destroyed but had a flat emergency roof. The tops of the towers were of the same height and appearance as the chimneys on top of the undestroyed section of the building. They are believed, therefore, to be chimneys also.**
3. An ammunition dump of three sheds and three small tool sheds was identified in a small depression about 250 meters east of the field. Green ammunition boxes were piled in the open. The dump was guarded by three soldiers.
4. There was little flying at the field between 20 and 26 November, in foggy and rainy weather. The twin-engine aircraft were covered with tarpaulins and parked on the two parking sites. At 3:10 p.m. on 26 November, three twin-engine transports of an unknown type took off and headed west.
5. On 26 November, 22 twin-engine aircraft covered with tarpaulins were parked west of the buildings on the airfield. One DC-3 landed at the field at 11:42 a.m. and another DC-3 at 12:34 p.m. A four-engine plane coming from the east approached the field and landed there at 11:53 a.m. after two green ground signals were fired. Description of four-engine plane: long and slender wings with leading edges almost straight, in-line engines in the middle of the wings, single high rudder assembly, double-tired landing gear, several large windows on fuselage, painted silver-gray.***

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Fifteen minutes after the landing, three passenger cars, one [redacted] left the field toward the town. The cars were occupied by officers, some of whom wore braided epaulets. The weather was foggy.

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* [redacted] Comment. No change since 10 November 1950. [redacted] 25X1A
One bomber regiment, equipped with PE-2s, is still believed to be stationed in Strausberg.

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** [redacted] Comment. See paragraph 3 [redacted] 25X1A
*** [redacted] Comment. The accuracy of the information cannot be verified.
Source has supplied only meager information on air force objects to date. The description of the plane does not indicate the aircraft type.

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